

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS.

Thursday, May 20.

A divorce has been granted by Judge Van Nostrand to Menn Sing, a Chinese, from Lee Shen Lena Sing, to whom he was married in Oakland, Cal., last July.

While testifying in court in a damage case, Dr. R. Bruce Burns, a prominent Philadelphia physician, was stricken with paralysis and removed to a hospital in a critical condition.

The survivors of the famous "fighting Fifteenth Pennsylvania cavalry" will erect a tablet in memory of the late General William J. Palmer, of Colorado Springs, in a prominent place in Palmer hall, Colorado college.

Friday, May 21.

Plans were completed for the unveiling at Hodgenville, Ky., May 31, of the Abraham Lincoln memorial statue.

Charles E. Barber, a member of the Aero Club of America, died in his home at Warwick, N. Y., of injuries sustained when his automobile was struck by a locomotive.

Pennsylvania State Forestry Commissioner Robert S. Conklin announced that the 8700 acres of forest land bought in Westmoreland and Somerset counties had been constituted a state reserve, the first to be established on the Ohio river watershed.

Saturday, May 22.

Clarence Herbert Freeman, former national checker champion, died at Providence, R. I.

Catholic laymen of Denver, Colo., are preparing to send a petition to the pope asking for the removal of Bishop Matz, of the Catholic diocese of Colorado.

In the presence of their little daughter, Eugene Peebles, a young iron moulder, apparently insane, killed his wife at Norfolk, Va., in a boarding house kept by the victim's twin sister.

Armed with a small base ball bat, Miss Clara Anderson, a servant in the household of L. S. Schwabacher, vice president of a wholesale hardware company at Seattle, Wash., attacked a burglar in the family residence, knocking from his hands jewelry said to be worth \$2000 and driving the thief from the house.

Monday, May 24.

T. G. Bush, formerly cartoonist for the New York World, died at his winter home at Camden, S. C.

The Florida house voted a \$5000 appropriation for a silver service for the battleship Florida, now under construction.

Thieves entered the shoe store of Samuel Goldberg, at Vineland, N. J., and carried away 160 pairs of shoes, \$41 in cash and a check for \$150.

A stone found in Wisconsin, bearing Runic characters and the date 1362, was made the basis of a claim that Norsemen discovered America earlier than Columbus.

Wells Post, G. A. R., of Columbus, O., has adopted resolutions condemning the erection of a monument to Captain Henry Witz, former commander of Andersonville prison.

Tuesday, May 25.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Colonel Richard T. Yeaman, of the Eleventh infantry, to be a brigadier general.

In closing their convention at Boston, the Order of Railway Conductors chose Jacksonville, Fla., as the place for the next biennial convention.

Three lives were lost in a collision between the steamer Western States and the tug Princeton in the harbor off the United States life saving station at Buffalo, N. Y.

After a trip of 3000 miles, without a cent in their pockets, Arthur Crane, aged seven years, and Joe Crosby, aged nine years, both of Saginaw, Mich., arrived at Toledo, O.

Wednesday, May 26.

Five children were fatally burned during commencement exercises in a private school at Central City, Ky.

George A. Dayton, of Boonton, N. J., committed suicide in the Central hotel at Boston by inhaling illuminating gas.

Lovett Davis, a negro, charged with attempting to criminally assault a sixteen-year-old white girl, was lynched at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. Lizzie York Case, a well known writer of verse and prose for newspapers and magazines, died at her home near Baltimore, Md., aged seventy-two years.

President Taft issued an executive order directing that when holidays fall on Sunday, all government employees entitled to a holiday shall be granted leave on the Monday following.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

The Latest Live Stock.

PHILADELPHIA - FLOUR firm; winter low grades, \$5.25; winter clear, \$5.50; city mills, fancy, \$6.00.

WHEAT firm; No. 2 red, western, \$1.45; No. 1, \$1.47.

CORN quiet; No. 2 yellow, local, \$3.50; No. 1, \$3.55.

HAY firm; timothy, large bales, per ton, \$16.50.

POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 16¢; old roosters, 11¢. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 16¢; old roosters, 13¢.

BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 28¢; EGGS steady; selected, 25¢; 26¢; nearby, 23¢; western, 23¢.

POTATOES steady; old, per bushel, \$2.80; new, per barrel, \$2.75.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURG (Union Stock Yards) - CATTLE active and higher; choice, \$8.00; prime, \$7.75; medium, \$7.50; common, \$7.25; light, \$7.00; heavy, \$6.75; roughs, \$6.50.

SHEEP steady and higher; prime wethers, \$6.10; medium, \$5.80; common, \$5.50; light, \$5.25; heavy, \$5.00; roughs, \$4.75.

HOGS lower; prime heavies, \$5.75; medium, \$5.50; heavy, \$5.25; light, \$5.00; roughs, \$4.75.

THE SANCY DIAMOND

Legend of Louis de Berquem and the Celebrated Gem.

A NIGHT LAMP FOR A KING.

Checked Career of the Brilliant Stone After the Death of Charles the Timid. Some Facts About the Invention of Diamond Cutting.

Louis de Berquem, says tradition, was a poor jeweler's workman, but he fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy jeweler. This avaricious father would not give his daughter in marriage to any man not possessed of gold. Louis, having neither "expectations" from relatives nor favor at court, sought to make his fortune. He had often heard the father of his beloved remark that the man who discovered a method of cutting diamonds would become very wealthy, for up to that time they knew nothing more than to scrape off the gravel, and the diamond was left in its native state. Neither lime, fire nor the mill could affect the diamond.

After many investigations and deep thought Louis bethought himself that iron is fashioned with steel, which is only hardened iron, and it occurred to him that perhaps the diamond would yield to the diamond. He made an experiment, which was at once crowned with success.

A few days later he presented himself before the rich jeweler with two diamonds cut into facets. He obtained the hand he sought and amassed a great fortune by his secret, which he divulged only after he had become wealthy.

King Charles the Timid was the principal customer of Louis de Berquem. The fastidious enemy of Louis XI, then possessed a large diamond, since become celebrated, accounted among the finest of precious stones. But this diamond was ill shaped, and the fires which it held burned in vain.

Louis de Berquem cut and polished this stone, and nothing could equal the joy of Charles the Timid when the jeweler brought him the great diamond, so glittering with light that it lit up the darkness, and this to such an extent that the prince said, "It will serve me as a night lamp." Berquem received 3000 ducats for his work.

As for the diamond, this is the one which was found in January, 1477, on the body of Charles the Timid after the battle of Nancy. A soldier picked it up, sold it for one gold piece to a priest, who in turn sold it for three pieces of gold to a merchant, who took it to the Duke of Florence.

From the hands of this prince it passed into the possession of the king of Portugal. He sold it for 70,000 francs to one of the companions of Henri III, Nicholas de Harlay, baron of Sancy. Since this time the first large diamond to be cut is known as "the Sancy."

This legend leads to other considerations of the cutting of diamonds ascribed to Louis de Berquem at Brussels in 1465.

Hardly any one will assert boldly that no diamonds were cut before that date, but it is reasonable to suppose that Louis de Berquem regulated cutting by arranging the facets.

Long before the birth of Louis de Berquem cutting was known in India. Even in Europe we find among the treasures of the churches thick diamonds cut into table and cabnet, the upper sides beaten into sections. In 1300, according to the inventory of the jewels of Louis, duke of Anjou, is found an entire series of cut diamonds. There is mention of a flat diamond with six sides, of a heart shaped diamond, of a diamond with eight sides, of a lozenge shaped diamond, of a diamond pointed on four sides and of a reliquary in which was set a diamond cut in the shape of a shield.

History informs us that 150 years before the first work of Louis de Berquem there were at Paris, at the corner of the Corroyerie, several diamond cutters.

The Duke of Burgundy, after a fastidious request given at the Louvre to the king and the French court in 1403, offered to his noble guests eleven diamonds estimated to be worth 750 pieces of gold, the money of the period.

It is hardly possible to suppose that these were uncut diamonds; all of which goes to prove, notwithstanding some opinions, that Louis de Berquem did not invent the process of diamond cutting.

It is no less interesting to follow the fortunes of the Sancy a little further. It remained in the Sancy family some time, and Henri III. took it from them. It was destined to serve as a pledge for the raising of a body of Swiss soldiers, but the servant entrusted with bringing this diamond to the king was attacked, put to death, and the diamond was thought to be lost. Finally it was discovered that the servant had been assassinated in the forest of Dole and through the care of the priest had been buried in the village cemetery. Then the Baron de Sancy resolved that the diamond must not be lost. In fact, they found it in the stomach of the hapless, faithful servant, who swallowed it at the moment that he fell. According to the inventory of 1791 the Sancy weighed 337 carats.

It disappeared in 1792 to reappear in Russia. Its value is estimated at a million francs. Before the revolution it was among the French crown jewels.—New York World.

Silence is sometimes the severest criticism.—Baxter.

A Sample of Our Section.

Editor Herald: Our beautiful and thrifty town with its religious and educational advantages, its healthfulness and splendid water—mineral water unsurpassed on earth—makes Farmville and its surroundings as desirable a spot as is known on earth to and have an humble or beautiful home, with dear old Hampden-Sidney College, having its world-wide fame and dear to the hearts of all in our midst.

On the macadam road from Farmville to Hampden-Sidney are as beautiful and good farms as can be found. The writer shortly ago visited the farm of 227 acres recently sold by J. M. Venable to John D. Watkins, and was surprised at its value and magnificence. Acres in orchard grass, other acres in clover, red and German, alfalfa, a full acre in onions, five acres or more in Irish potatoes, good garden, three hundred young chickens and numbers of eggs under setting hens. Farming implements of the latest and most approved style, Berkshire hogs and pigs, corn in the crib, hay in nearly every out-house and when near to the barn where the wagon was being loaded with alfalfa hay, it gave out sweet odor as new mown clover hay. The whole farm fenced with wire pig tight and bull strong and cross-fences, and lanes converging at the stable.

SIRENS AND SONS.

A baby in Montana has just been christened Andrew Jackson Abraham Lincoln Ulysses Grant Grover Cleveland Johnson.

Andrew Carnegie receives two or three hundred letters in a week from people who want money. Not many of them get it.

Senator Roles Penrose of Pennsylvania, forty-eight years of age, is a Harvard graduate and honor man in his class and the author of several law text books.

Joseph R. Wilson of the University of Pennsylvania has been elected grand president of the Acadia fraternity, composed exclusively of Master Masons who are college men.

As president of the Canadian Pacific railway Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is head of the most gigantic railroad corporation in the world, which owns or controls 13,000 miles of tracks, has five fleets of steamers on two oceans, employs 74,000 people in three continents and, besides having its own mines, has nearly 12,000,000 acres of land in Canada.

Professor Nikoloff of Vidin, Bulgaria, is walking around the world. The object of his journey is to study nature and the ways and customs of the inhabitants of the countries through which he passes. He started on his journey in 1900 and does not expect to complete it until 1915.

Thomas Wilkinson, whose proudest boast was that his face had not been touched by razor or shears since the civil war, died recently at Adrian, Mich. His whiskers measured about eighteen feet, and he formerly traveled with a sideshow exhibiting them. He was a veteran of the civil war and was well known all over the state.

Glad to Know It.
"He thinks he's so smart."
"Why, how funny?"
"Isn't it?"
"But I didn't know he could think at all."

Oh!
"He is very much in love."
"How, darling—with you?"
"Oh, no!"
"With whom?"
"Himself."

Division of Labor.
They had this wise agreement
Recorded in their book—
That she should fire the chauffeur
And he must fire the cook.

Defined.
"What is a candidate, pa?"
"Just a special name for a promise factory, my son."

Dampening Enthusiasm.



"He is crazy over horticulture."
"Is he, indeed?"
"Everything in that line interests him."
"Not quite everything. I saw him at a dance the other evening, and he didn't pay the slightest attention to a bunch of wallflowers."

Open For Business.
"I hate to make excuses."
"Let me sell you a fine line of ready made ones."

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HOGS lower; prime heavies, \$5.75; medium, \$5.45; heavy, \$5.15; light, \$4.85; roughs, \$4.55.

An Elopement.

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"Father," said little Clarence La Mont, "isn't mother ever coming back to us?"

There was no reply, and in a few moments the boy, who had his arms about his father's neck, felt a convulsive tremor.

"Go, father, and bring her. You know where she is, I'm sure."

Still the father did not speak. Instead he hugged his son closely to him. Then suddenly he said:

"For your sake, Clarence, I'll make an effort."

A lady driven up to her country residence in an automobile alighted and hurried into the house. In the hall she was accosted by a tall, intellectual looking man, but with something weak in his expression.

"Why, dear, what has kept you? Dinner has been ready half an hour."

"Well, well, must I always be on the minute?" And instead of waiting for the usual kiss she hurried upstairs to lay aside her wraps.

"Something wrong again," he muttered. "We who defy the social code must pay the penalty. But she has always recovered from these moments of remorse. Doubtless she will do so now."

The recovery in this case did not come. Instead a gloom settled over the woman that he could not dispel, though he made every effort. He tried to win her from her melancholy by caresses. She repulsed him. He took her to the opera, to theaters, everywhere, anywhere, that he could place her in an atmosphere of excitement. She seemed for awhile to be lending herself willingly to the plan, but there was no change in her, and at last she declined to pursue it further. One thing alone she followed of her own choice. Every day an automobile wheeled to the door, and she entered it and sped away for a drive that was never short and often very long.

He was comforted that what could not be produced by other amusements was effected by this. Doubtless the breakneck speed, with an element of danger in it, served to overcome remorse. But he feared that one of the many accidents constantly occurring would happen to her.

"Sweetheart," he said one day after her return from a ride, "do you drive very fast?"

"As fast as the machine can be driven."

"Are you not afraid?"

"No. Automobile accidents do not maim; they give us oblivion."

He sighed and started to take her in his arms, but she turned away. The next day when she went to ride he told her that he would go with her. He wished to observe if the chauffeur was careful or reckless. She passively consented. He was satisfied with what he saw. There was no carelessness, no reckless speed, but she sat beside him unmoved by any word he spoke to her and apparently uninterested in her surroundings. She was like a woman of stone.

Coming to a broad road stretching straight ahead for several miles, he ordered the chauffeur to increase the speed again and again till the machine was flying like the wind. Still the woman beside him sat like a statue. He felt for her hand, expecting that, moved by the awful speed at which they were running, she would involuntarily clutch his. It lay limp in his palm.

That was the last ride he ever took with her. The next afternoon when he came home he was told that she had gone, as usual, in the automobile. When dinner was announced she had not returned. He waited half an hour, then dined alone. His life was becoming intolerable. Despairing of re-establishing his former relations, he wished that something would occur to break the connection. After dinner he lighted a cigar, but soon threw it away. Noticing an evening paper on a table beside him, he took it up. On the first page there were headlines in large print announcing an automobile accident. Two persons, a man and a woman, were killed.

Strange that he experienced a welcome relief.

He did not read what followed. He had long lived in dread of something terrible—he knew not what—and did not doubt that this horror was what he had feared, or if he doubted he did not dare read on, fearing a confirmation of what he believed. Conscience makes cowards of us all, and this man, who had robbed a husband of his wife and a child of his mother, shrank from the dreadful end of what he had done. He sat motionless, his face covered with his hands. A servant lighted the lights, but he did not hear. An hour passed, during which no sound aroused him, till at last he heard an automobile stop before the house. Starting up, he hurried to the door. A chauffeur, one he had never seen, met him there.

"I was told, sir, to bring this machine here."

The few words told a new story. She was not dead. She had left him.

A carriage stopped at the door of the house where the brief dialogue which opened the story took place. Clarence La Mont, his eyes big with expectancy, went to the door. He saw his father hand out a lady. She raised a veil. With a wild cry the boy sprang into the arms of his mother.

Whoever heard of a man disguising himself as a chauffeur and running away with his own wife?

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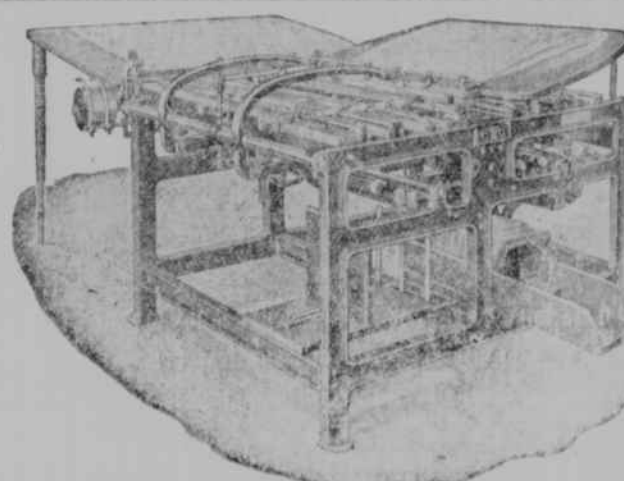
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